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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-30, without prejudice.

Please add claims 31-69 as follows:

- 31. (New) A flexible thermoplastic polymeric film comprising:
- a plurality of layers;
- a surface of said flexible film comprising a coordinate system having a machine direction and a transverse direction perpendicular to said machine direction; and
- a first laser-scored pattern on the surface of the flexible film wherein said first laserscored pattern is disposed in both the machine direction and the transverse direction of the surface of the flexible film wherein said first laser-scored pattern forms a first line of weakness in said flexible film.
 - 32. (New) The flexible film of claim 31 further comprising:
- a first layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polyvinylidene chloride-coated polyethylene terephthalate, biaxially oriented